

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMURAGE CHARGES PAID BY OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have to pay huge sum as demurage charges for the various oil containers in ships which were kept ashore for a long time;
- (b) if so, the details of the demurage charges paid to various shipping corporations during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government have worked out any plan to avoid the demurage charges paid to shipping corporations for retaining their oil containers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : Oil companies have not used oil containers in ships for import of crude oil and petroleum products. Hence, the question of demurage charges paid by them to Shipping Corporations does not arise.